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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Leslie LiDonnici

Examiner: David C. Comstock

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For: METHODS AND DEVICES FOR MINIMIZING THE LOSS OF BLOOD  
THROUGH A SEVERED STERNUM DURING CARDIAC AND/OR  
THORACIS SURGERY

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**AMENDMENT "B"**

Sir/Madam:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 10, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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